**Youth PSH to Adult/Family PSH Transfer Eligibility (6 MONTH PILOT**)

Transfer requests for youth in PSH programs to adult/family PSH programs are appropriate when the following criteria have been met:

1. The youth meets the criteria to move into an adult PSH program (has a disability, needs continued services/case management)

* Ensures scarce PSH openings are reserved for those that need PSH as opposed to needing affordable housing.

1. The service provider has worked with/provided services to the youth requesting the transfer for at least 2 years.

* Ensures enough time has passed for the youth to stabilize in their current setting and explore opportunities for independence outside of homeless-designated housing programs.

1. Youth provider has considered extending the time the youth can remain in the current youth centered program.
   * Ensures consistency of services for the youth
   * Encourages client-centered services
   * Allows for more vacancies to be filled by "adult aged" households on priority list (prioritizing chronic HHs)
2. If the provider is not extending the client’s stay within current youth program, the youth provider will look at resources outside of the Coordinated Entry System (Hennepin Housing Key, public housing, Housing Support with Services Independent, Board and Lodges, disability-connected services, etc.)
   * Reserves CES vacancies for households that are currently experiencing homelessness and have no other housing options.
   * Makes use of mainstream housing opportunities in our community.

If the youth meets the criteria for an adult/family PSH opening; the service provider has worked with the youth for a minimum of two years and considered an extension; and the service provider has looked for housing opportunities outside of CES, the youth and youth provider will complete a transfer request to verify that the benchmarks listed above have been met and request approval from CES.

The current housing provider is asked to try to find another provider/program of the appropriate type that is willing to accept the household. However, if another appropriate provider/program cannot be found, the CES team will add the approved household to a transfer list and wait for the next appropriate vacancy.

The current youth provider will continue to provide services and housing to the youth until the transfer to the adult/family provider is complete.

**Next Steps for Youth PSH to Adult/Family PSH Pilot:**

As this is a pilot for 6 months, the following will be gathered, reviewed, and evaluated at 6 months (September 2021)

* Feedback will be garnered from youth impacted by a transfer
* Feedback will be garnered from the youth provider requesting the transfer
* Feedback will be garnered from the adult/family provider accepting the transfer
* Collect and evaluate data from the transfer request forms including providers requesting referrals, demographics of youth, reason for the transfer, etc.